

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jacques Etkowicz on November 6, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 11: Delete "any".

Claims 2 and 3, line 2: Replace "any" with --the--.

Claim 16, line 2: Replace "any" with --a--.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on November 7, 2008 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US Patent No. 7,049,946 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Reasons For Allowance

3. Claims 1-18 are allowed.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: a system and method for the detection of the presence of objects in a blind angle of an automobile vehicle is disclosed wherein a first means of detection detects a ferromagnetic material in the blind spot of a vehicle with a sensor located on a vehicle and a second means of detection for any possible magnetic distortion generated from a trajectory of the vehicle, associated with an electronic circuit and intended to neutralize the influence of said possible magnetic distortion on the detection of said first means.

Strumolo et al. (US 2004/0246113) discloses a system and method for the detection of the presence of objects in a blind angle of an automobile vehicle wherein a first means of detection detects a ferromagnetic material in the blind spot of a vehicle with a sensor located on a vehicle. Furthermore, Strumolo discloses several other sensors for controlling a vehicle, such as, "a vehicle type information unit 77 generating vehicle type information, vehicle speed sensors 78 generating vehicle speed signals, an RPM (revolutions per minute) reader 80 generating RPM signals, a heading indicator 82 generating a heading of host vehicle signal, a location indicator 84 such as a GPS system generating a location of vehicle signal, a directional signal generator 86 generating a host vehicle directional signal (e.g. left, right, heading), a steering wheel angle sensor 88 generating a steering wheel angle signal, and a brake status sensor 90 generating a brake status signal.

One skilled in the art will realize that the vehicle bus 39 may also receive various other sensor and control signals". Strumolo, however, does not disclose a second means of detection for any possible magnetic distortion generated from a trajectory of

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the vehicle, associated with an electronic circuit and intended to neutralize the influence of said possible magnetic distortion on the detection of said first means.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer Mehmood whose telephone number is (571) 272.2976. The examiner can normally be reached 8:00-4:30, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Benjamin Lee can be reached at (571) 272.2963. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273.8300 for regular and after final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272.2600.

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